

Date: May 23, 2003

To: Chairman Randolph and Commissioners Downey, Karlan, Knox and Swanson

From: Mark Krausse, Executive Director

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This is a summary of administrative activity and other matters since the report sent to for the May commission meeting.

A. PERSONNEL

Tara Stock, a Staff Services Analyst in the Technical Assistance Division's filing officer outreach program, has accepted a position with the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board. A six-year employee of the Commission, Tara brought enthusiasm, professionalism and incredible productivity to everything she did. We congratulate her and wish her well in her new position.

Joining the Commission for summer internships will be Todd Lewellen, a Stanford Law School student beginning his second year this fall, and Anthony Pane, a third-year McGeorge Law School student who also interned with the Legal Division last summer.

B. STAFF PROJECTS

The Technical Assistance Division conducted SEI outreach visits in the cities of Montebello, Monterey Park, Coachella, Lynwood, and Modesto, and an SEI filing officer seminar for the Yolo County Office of Education.

The Public Education Unit has developed large-print versions of two of the FPPC's more popular brochures at the request of the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, and continues to improve accessibility of the Commission's website for people with disabilities. PEU also had a successful launch of the agency's new list serve email system, using it to transmit the FPPC Bulletin to approximately 500 subscribers. The May issue of the Bulletin includes a condensed 2002 annual report and two charts summarizing 2002 enforcement actions.

C. REQUESTS FOR EXTENTION OF COMMITTEE TERMINATION

Pursuant to regulation 18404.1, campaign committees facing termination by December 31, 2002, who desire an extension of that deadline must submit a request to the Executive Director by December 1, 2002. Since my last report, I have responded to the following request:

Friends of Brad Sherman (#890818). This is the second request for an extension from this committee. The first request extended the termination date to June 30, 2003. This request for an extension was granted based on the candidate's progress toward debt retirement.

D. APPROVAL OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES/AMENDMENTS

Since the last commission meeting, the agency has approved the following codes/amendments:

Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy
Controller's Office, State of California
Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board, State of California
Transbay Joint Powers Agency
Truckee/Donner Public Utility District
Winters Branch Library Financing Authority

D. FINDINGS OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Pursuant to regulation 18361, I have found evidence in the following cases sufficient to lead a person of ordinary caution and prudence to believe or entertain a strong suspicion that the following respondents committed or caused a violation of the Political Reform Act. **This finding of probable cause does not constitute a finding that a violation has actually occurred. The respondents are presumed to be innocent of any violation of the Act unless a violation is proved in a subsequent proceeding.**

Larry C. Wahl, FPPC Case No. 99/97. On May 9, 2003, probable cause was found to believe that Respondent, as a member of the Chico Planning Commission, failed to disclose the receipt of a campaign contribution of more than \$250 from a party to a proceeding before the Chico Planning Commission, in violation of Government Code section 84308(c) (4 counts); failed to disqualify himself from making and participating in making a decision involving a party to a proceeding before the Chico Planning Commission from whom Respondent knowingly received a campaign contribution of more than \$250 within the preceding twelve months, in violation of Government Code section 84308(c) (4 counts); and failed to fully disclose reportable economic interests in his 1997, 1998 and 1999 annual statements of economic interests, in violation of Government Code sections 87203 and 87206 (3 counts).